

Application No. 10/696,214

Remarks

The final Office Action of June 6, 2005, has been carefully considered. This amendment is believed to place the application in condition for allowance, or at least to materially reduce and simplify the issues for appeal. Entry of this proposed amendment is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Since this amendment materially reduces the issues raised by the Examiner and is not directed to differently claimed subject matter, which would require a further search by the Examiner, it should be entered inasmuch as it places the application either in condition of allowance, or, in better condition for appeal.

The abstract of the disclosure was objected to because of inclusion of legal phraseology. Applicants amended the abstract in the amendment mailed to the United States Patent & Trademark Office on May 2, 2005.

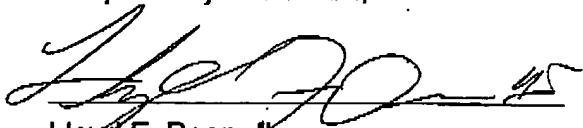
Claims 2-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 4, 7 and 12 have been amended to remove any indefiniteness contained therein.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney (or agent) hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

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In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby directed to call Lloyd F. Bean, II, at Telephone Number 585-423-4520, Rochester, New York.

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